Additional force and resources to Orissa to fight naxalism

298. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
SHRIMATI RENUBALA PRADHAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Orissa Government has written to the Centre for additional force and resources to fight naxal menace in the State at par with the adjoining naxal-affected States, *i.e.* 4 additional CRPF battalions and a helicopter to lift the injured security personnel etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of manpower and resources that have since been provided to the State Government and what is the action plan of the Centre to meet the additional demand of the State, as has been asked for?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) Yes, sir. The Government of Orissa has requested for deployment of 4 additional battalions of CPMFs and one helicopter for the State for anti-naxal operations. The State Government was informed that it is not possible to provide four additional battalions of CRPF and advised to raise the remaining 2 IR battalions out of the 5 IR battalions sanctioned to the State to meet their requirements. 2 battalions of CoBRA, a specialized Central para-military force being raised in CRPF, and 4 counter insurgency and anti-terrorist training (CIAT) schools are proposed to be located in Orissa besides need based helicopter services being provided to the State for relief and rescue operations.

Functional/jurisdictional problem of NIA

299. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:
SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in 2003 Justice *VS* Malimath Committee on "Reforms of the Criminal Justice System" had given a proposal to States by suggesting that federal agency for combating heinous crimes may have concurrent jurisdiction over serious offences such as terrorism, war against State, arms and drugs trafficking, high jacking, money laundering and crime against national infrastructure; and

(b) now that the National Investigation Agency has been formed, will the Union List and State List not create any functional or jurisdictional problems?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) and (b) Various committees, including the Justice Malimath Committee have, from time to time, suggested the setting up of a central investigation agency for investigating various serious offences having inter-State and international linkages and ramifications for national security.

The National Investigation Agency Act, 2008, has been enacted after debate and discussion in the Parliament, and with due regard to the entries in the Lists in the 7th Schedule of the Constitution. Following this enactment, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) has been constituted for investigation and prosecution of cases of offences affecting the sovereignty, security and integrity of India, security of the State, friendly relations with foreign States and Acts enacted to implement international treaties, agreements and conventions, falling under the Acts/offences listed in the Schedule to the National Investigation Agency Act, 2008. The Agency will operate in a concurrent jurisdiction framework and take up selected cases. Hence, there should be no functional or jurisdictional problems.

Possibility of biological and chemical attacks by terrorists

†300. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has paid attention to the possibility of biological and chemical attacks by terrorists;

(b) whether the ex-Minister of Home Affairs had also cautioned the security forces against biological and chemical attacks;

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government to impart training to the security forces and to provide them the required resources; and

(d) whether the required provision for immediate dispatch of security forces to the affected spot has been made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (d) The Government is alive to the possibility of biological and chemical attacks by terrorists. In order to effectively respond to any such crises or disasters, Standard Operating Procedures have been formulated. In addition, the National Disaster Management Authority has also issued guidelines for management of such disasters. Four Battalions of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) have also been specifically trained to deal with such crises and their locations are so dispersed as to enable quick movement to the sites of any disaster/crises.

NGOs receiving foreign funds

301. SHRI SAMAN PATHAK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many Non-Governmental Organisations are working in the country and the benefits felt in the country;

(b) the number of NGOs used to receive financial assistance from Government and the amount so far disbursed;

(c) what is the study of Government on the role of NGOs in various social, health, labour and economic sector;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.